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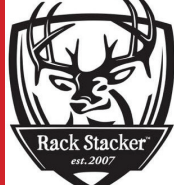


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# Council green-lights retirement home construction

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A holding provision on zoning at 1 Sunnyside Street in Haliburton has finally been lifted, meaning that construction on a retirement residence on the property can proceed.

As previously reported, a series of complicated technical requirements has caused some delay in the project, for which council heard the initial pitch a year ago. Central to those complications was a holding provision on the property that was issued by the Ontario Municipal Board years ago in the wake of a former condo proposal for the site.

During a special meeting on Sept. 9, councillors for Dysart et al approved the site plan for the project and requested that the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, which replaced the OMB in 2018, issue an order that the holding provision be lifted. That issue was ordered early this month, and during a special meeting on Oct. 9, council voted to lift the hold.

"We have said all along we would try

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Candidates to represent Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in Parliament answer questions at the all candidates meeting Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Pinestone Resort in Haliburton. From left, People's Party of Canada candidate Gene Balfour, New Democratic Party candidate Barbara Doyle, Liberal Party candidate Judi Forbes, Green Party candidate Elizabeth Fraser, and Conservative candidate Jamie Schmale (incumbent). /DARREN LUM Staff

## Candidates field residents' questions

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County residents filled the ballroom at the Pinestone on the evening of Oct. 9 to hear from the five people who'd like to become MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the Oct. 21 election.

Vying to unseat Conservative incumbent Jamie Schmale are Liberal Judi Forbes, Green Party candidate Elizabeth Fraser, the NDP's Barbara Doyle, and Gene Balfour, who is running under the banner of the People's Party of Canada.

"I'm particularly happy to be here because we're a relatively new party," Balfour said as he introduced himself to the crowd, adding he was hoping to familiarize residents with the PPC and its

policies. The PPC was created and is led by former Conservative cabinet minister Maxime Bernier, who narrowly lost the leadership of the Conservative party to Andrew Scheer.

"The No. 1 issue I'm coming across over and over again is affordability," Balfour said, adding the PPC was different than the country's mainstream political parties in that one of its core principles

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# Constituents take concerns to candidates

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is to drastically reduce the amount of taxation Canadians pay. "They're coming out with ideas about spending more and more of your tax dollars."

While he acknowledged there are some ideological parallels between the PPC and the Conservative party – "there's not a huge gap in our differences and objectives" – Balfour said the biggest difference between the parties was in the quality of their leaders.

"Maxime Bernier is by far and away the best candidate to be prime minister," said Balfour, who is a retired professional recruiter.

Doyle stressed the NDP platform includes introducing universal dental care, erasing interest on student debt, universal childcare, as well as re-introducing 30-year mortgages in the country, to help more people be able to afford homes. "These have real, tangible impacts on monthly budgets, helping people build equity and get ahead," Doyle said. "And we can do this without raising taxes on everyday people."

The NDP would also introduce a wealth tax on the country's richest residents, charging one per cent a year on households with assets of more than \$20 million.

"That's 87 families that have as much wealth as the 12 million bottom income earners in Canada," Doyle said. "That's three provinces' worth of people. We will tax them, and they won't even miss it, but we will use that for health care, education, [and] infrastructure, that will help everyone. This is all about choices this election. Choices for people over corporations, and planet over profits."

Fraser spoke about the challenges faced by many Canadians, from job insecurity to day-to-day expenses to anxiety about the implications of climate change.

"I chose to get involved in politics at a young age because I know there are better solutions out there," said Fraser, a third-year environmental studies student at Carleton University in Ottawa, where she's involved with campus politics, works for the Canadian Revenue Agency, and volunteers in the office of Green Party leader Elizabeth May.

Fraser told the room she believes the Green Party has the best, strongest and most comprehensive platform to improve the quality of life of Canadians.

"For too long, there's been this misconception, that in order to have a strong economy, you have to sacrifice the environment," Fraser said, adding she didn't believe this to be true.

"Bold climate action makes good economic sense," she said. "By transitioning away from fossil fuels towards green industries, we can employ upwards of four million Canadians, many of those in communities like ours."

"A guaranteed liveable income would make a better life for all," Fraser said. The Green Party has said it would introduce a guaranteed income program that would provide a guaranteed basic income plan, based on region. Fraser also highlighted the Green platform includes a universal health care plan that would include dental and pharmaceutical coverage.

Forbes began her introduction by addressing Conservative party literature alleging the Liberals have a secret plan to tax up to 50 per cent of the profits on home sales.

"I want to clarify this here and now, that is not true," said Forbes, a retired bank manager. She said the three biggest issues she's hearing about on doorsteps in the riding are affordability challenges, that climate change is real and something must be done about it, and that Doug Ford has not been good for Ontario.

She pointed out the Liberal government increased taxation on the top one per cent of Canadian earners.

"It is the Liberals who will provide a huge hand up to the middle class," said Forbes.



Haliburton resident Greg Sadler asked the candidates what they would do, if elected, to attract young people to the area and retain them, at the all-candidates meeting held Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

"You can double down on another Conservative government led by Andrew Scheer and expect more cuts to education, health care and services, no climate change plan, or you can vote for me," she told the room.

Schmale too said the most common issue he was hearing about as he talked to constituents was the high cost of living.

"There's little left at the end of the week, there's little left at the end of the month," Schmale said, adding far from getting ahead, many residents are just getting by.

He pointed to Conservative pledges to provide a 1.25 per cent income tax reduction to those earning less than \$46,700 per year, remove GST from home heating bills, and eliminating the carbon tax, which he said would save people money on everything from food to gasoline.

"We all know that here in Haliburton County, we have to drive," Schmale said.

Some questions had been prepared by event sponsors the Canadian Association of Retired Persons, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the Lake-lands Association of Realtors.

One of those questions, posed to candidates by moderator Jim Blake, addressed a skills gap and labour shortage affecting some businesses in Haliburton County.

"Not only is there a lack of applicants for jobs that are available, many of the applicants that do come forward lack the skills to be successful in the workforce," Blake said. "... With the understanding that elementary and high school education is a provincial responsibility, if you're elected, what will your government do to ensure that youth entering the workforce have the skills to thrive in our modern economy?"

Balfour referenced his career as a recruiter, saying he'd interviewed thousands of people over the years.

"What I learned from that, is just how specialized our world is today, it's incredibly specialized," he said. While public education offers some training, "there are so many options available today," he said, referencing a company that provides online skills programs.

"So, for me, meeting the demand for skills can be met in many different ways," Balfour said. "I don't think it has to be a national strategy. Again, most of the time we're dealing with skill shortages in particular areas, this riding, for example, and the strategy and the plan needs to be specific and local to what the needs are."

To a number of questions, Balfour responded that he didn't think a national strategy was required, and that solutions were best found at the local level.

"The Liberals and Conservatives both love to say that they care about Canadian jobs, but yet they refuse to intervene in markets that have created the job situation there is today," Doyle said, "one with less benefits, precarious or contract work and the removal of health and

safety standards that protect our workers."

Doyle said this has led to stagnant wages and slow growth.

"We need to create good, domestic jobs right here, improving working conditions, so that our youth want to work in these industries, in high-skilled trades, and apprenticeship programs," she said. "Prioritizing Canadian procurement for infrastructure projects, investing in green industries and tech sectors, and creating 300,000 new jobs in those industries, means that we need high-skilled workers to fill those positions."

Doyle said encouraging provinces to adapt high school curriculums might be one way of encouraging young people to get into skilled trades.

Forbes pointed out that in the modern economy, most people would have at least a few different careers.

"With an over \$40-million investment in Skills Canada, the Liberal government is encouraging our young people to consider training and working in skills trade," Forbes said. "With the Canada Training Benefit, working Canadians will get four weeks of training every four years, with up to \$1,000 to pay for training, income support to help with expenses during training, and job security as they return to work."

She pointed out the government has lowered interest on student loans, making the first six months following an apprenticeship interest-free.

"We need to ensure that the education for these jobs is affordable, and that once people leave the institution that they choose to attend, that there are jobs available for them," Fraser said. "We can do this in a couple of ways. The Green Party would eliminate post-secondary tuition ... as well as eliminate the debt that students currently hold. This will allow training and retraining in different industries [to be] more affordable."

Fraser added the addition of a guaranteed liveable income would make it easier for those with families or other obligations to attain post-secondary education.

"Investments in green industries and the green economy will create millions of jobs, and that will mean that once people leave those institutions, there will be jobs for them," Fraser said, "and these are jobs in new and exciting industries that people want to be a part of."

Schmale said there are local options available for skilled trades training, and that in part, it was a matter of increased communication to students.

"A lot of the education file is under provincial jurisdiction, but it's really no secret where the demand is in this area," Schmale said. "I think if you open up any of our local papers, take a look at the want ads, it's all pretty much in the skilled trades. So we need to be sure that people are recognizing this fact, that you can get into the skilled trades, and you can do it locally. You

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# Private pensions need better protection: candidates

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can go to Fleming [College] in Lindsay, you can go to Fleming in Peterborough. They have skilled trades . . . you can do pretty much anything you want to do, you can do it at a very low cost, and the rates on return on your wages when you get out are quite high."

He added the government needed to create an environment where jobs continue to be available.

"How do you do that?" Schmale said. "You create private sector growth to succeed, low taxes, take away the disincentives for the job creators to do what they do, which is create jobs, opportunity and wealth in our communities."

One resident asked candidates how they would protect pensions from getting clawed back when companies go bankrupt.

"The Conservative party put forward legislation sponsored by [Durham MP] Erin O'Toole . . . that would address that issue," Schmale said. "The pensioners . . . should not be treated last. The top should not be getting payouts first when they start selling off inventory, real estate, etc. Pensioners do need to take a very important role in that and that pension needs to be protected."

Balfour agreed.

"When a company goes bankrupt, there's only so much resources left, and of course it's allocated according to a certain priority of groups, and the pensioners shouldn't be the last group to be getting paid off," he said.

"Right now, companies don't have to vest and protect the entire amount of



People line up behind the microphone during the question and answer portion of the all candidates meeting at Pinestone on Wednesday evening. /DARREN LUM Staff

their pensions," said Doyle. "They're only supposed to protect part of it. The NDP would make sure that almost 100 per cent would have to be secured, so they couldn't take it out from under you to make sure people get their pensions. We'll also improve CPP [Canada Pension Plan], OAS [Old Age Security] and GIS [Guaranteed Income Supplement], to ensure that all seniors live in dignity and don't have to worry about poverty in their senior years."

Forbes pointed to the strengthening of the CPP.

"Every Canadian deserves a secure and dignified retirement after a lifetime of work," Forbes said. "I believe that pensions should be taken care of . . . there should be a law wrapped around them. . . . We have also made a commitment to Canadians to strengthen the Canada Pension Plan and help them achieve their goal of a strong, stable and secure retirement. Simply put, there's just going to be more money waiting for Canadians when they retire because of the pro-

grams the Liberal government is putting in place."

"There are two pieces of legislation that the Green Party has committed to amending in order to protect private pensions and those are the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act," Fraser said. "And by amending these, we ensure that pensions paid out to employees during times of insolvency are higher up on the hierarchy."

This way, Fraser said, money would be going to workers, "and not executives, which are receiving, you know, millions of dollars in payout and we'll also amend CPP to ensure that you're receiving more money, so the private pensions is not the only money you're relying on."

During closing remarks, Schmale said it's been an honour to serve as MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for the past four years, that he's tried his best to be available to residents, and was again seeking their support.

Forbes indicated that she believed the Liberals would be re-elected, and that it was best for the riding to have a representative who was part of the governing party.

Fraser and Doyle both appealed to residents to vote with their conscience rather than out of fear or strategy, and Balfour recited the four key values of the PPC – personal responsibility, individual freedom, respect and fairness – and encouraged attendees to pick up a pamphlet to learn more about the party.

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# Review suggests one municipal building, fewer fire stations in HE

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Staff Reporter

After conducting surveys and face-to-face interviews with municipality staff and councillors over the summer, Matthew Savino and Dennis Geelen of Savino Human Resources Partners presented a report titled Highlands East Organization Assessment Results and Recommendations to Highlands East council on Oct. 8.

The report made recommendations on categories including efficiencies, facilities and organization structure that included reducing the number of fire stations in the municipality, implementing a meeting protocol to support a "one-team" mentality, creating one office located centrally for staff, and changing the organization structure, including having an elected deputy mayor.

"Highlands East has made many great strides in the past few years in an attempt to streamline their operations, maximize the use of their current facilities, and increase the communication and common goals of the municipality," reads the report from the Peterborough-based consulting firm. SHRP recommended changes be made over a two- to three-year time period.

Of physical infrastructure, SHRP said, "with the large number of facilities that are still in operation, it is not financially prudent for the municipality to continue to run and maintain each of them."

To alleviate financial pressures and "not create too large of a customer service impact in the immediate future," it was recommended to reduce the number of facilities in operation, including cut-

ting fire stations from five down to three or four.

"It is suggested that the municipality look at their volume of calls in the proximity of each fire station as well as the cost and availability of neighbouring communities to help cover in the event of emergencies," reads the report.

One facility located somewhere central – likely Wilberforce – within the municipality should be used as an office for all administrative staff and department heads, according to the recommendations.

"Wilberforce would be a [good] location for such a facility however the current municipal office there is not large enough to accommodate all of the staff," the report reads. "It is suggested that the municipality look at options for larger office space in the Wilberforce area."

Regarding efficiencies, the report noted that "[s]ome key resources wear many hats and can become bottlenecks in the flow of certain tasks or services. It is recommended that education and cross training initiatives be undertaken to increase the skill-set and knowledge of other staff members."

It was also recommended that a more streamlined meeting protocol be used after the consulting group noted through common themes that "[c]ouncil, the leadership team, and staff have very different perspectives [on] various topics such as: customer service, expenses, priorities etc." and "[d]epartments within the municipality do not always have formal methods in place for communicating important information."

Besides recommending some departments change where they report to, a recommendation was made that the deputy

mayor be elected, rather than appointed by council after an election, beginning with the next election, in part to bring the municipality in line with neighbouring and other similar communities.

Back in April, the consulting firm offered one of three proposals in response to a request for proposal.

"SHRP identified the key objectives for this review will be to ensure that the Municipality of Highlands East's organizational structure, staffing, service delivery model, organizational processes and employee compensation systems and policies are effective and represent up-to-

date best practice," reads a report from Highlands East CAO and treasurer Shannon Hunter at that time. "In addition SHRP will be responsible for developing and confirmation of a compensation program which is compliant with current legislation, including pay equity. SHRP's review will include input received from key stakeholders (staff and council)."

"Council will consider recommendations through strategic planning and budget processes," Hunter told the *Echo*.

The cost of the review was reported in April to be \$27,925.

## Purple pumpkins a reminder of child abuse prevention

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Looking around the Village of Haliburton, you'll notice purple pumpkins included with fall displays this month.

It's part of the lead up to the provincial Dress Purple Day on Oct. 24, which is part of an annual campaign held every October by the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies to raise awareness about how to identify and help prevent child abuse.

A series of events will be held this month by the Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society to celebrate and promote Dress Purple Day.

"On Oct. 24, communities across Ontario will dress purple to show their commitment to children's rights to safety and well-being. On Dress Purple Day we acknowledge that it takes a village to keep kids safe. Everybody in the community plays a role in supporting children's rights," KHCAS direct service supervisor Sandra Woods wrote in an email.

KHCAS "has engagement with the Trillium Lakelands School Board, day care centres and other service partners. They will be dressing in purple to help raise awareness," she said.

Locally, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will promote Dress Purple Day on their electronic board in front of the building and will welcome KHCAS on Oct. 24 to provide information and raise awareness.

"One of the campaign's key goals is to educate communities and key partners about how calling a Children's Aid Society is one of the most effective ways to

prevent child abuse. As part of this campaign OACAS and member CASs work closely with school boards, schools, and community partners on a provincial Dress Purple Day," Woods said.

She adds the "Children's Aid Societies help to protect children and youth who are at risk of or are experiencing abuse or neglect. They also provide assistance to families who may need additional supports."

The community is encouraged to participate by posting to social media, using the hashtag #IBREAKtheSilence, post a Dress Purple Day poster in the workplace (found at oacas.org), use the web banner on your workplace website, create Dress Purple Day e-signatures and dress in purple on Oct. 24.

Woods suggested looking at [www.khcas.on.ca](http://www.khcas.on.ca) or [www.oacas.org](http://www.oacas.org) to learn about recognizing the signs of child abuse or neglect and how to report concerns.



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## Fort Irwin Marina initiatives fund affordable housing

Owners of Fort Irwin Marina Brad and Maria Willing, at front from left, and Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association president Glenn Scott present \$2,575.58 to Places for People Haliburton County's board of directors members Jack Russel and Chris Cochrane and volunteer Susan Russel on Monday, Sept. 23 in Fort Irwin. The marina has made annual donations for close to eight years to community organizations. Part of this year's donation came from toonie donations made at dinners, amounting to \$106.08, the ice out date challenge 50/50 draw fundraiser including money donated back by the winner totalling \$250, \$500 from the HLCA, \$200 from Hanis and Sandra Messner's winnings from the HLCA's Septic Pump Out Contest, and \$759.50 raised at the marina from customer donations, which was matched by the Willings. "We could not and would not be what we are without all the amazing people near and far that make our Fort Irwin community great. Thank you all," wrote Brad and Maria. /DARREN LUM Staff

# Water system last condition awaiting approval for development

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to expedite this process," said Mayor Andrea Roberts.

The only condition that remains outstanding is the approval of a water system for the facility. Council has made that condition a criteria for occupancy of the building. Construction is expected to take 16 months, with 70 units of a planned 120 units being constructed during the project's first phase. Studies the developer – Bill Mardimae of Gardens Retirement Development Inc. – had completed pertaining to a well on the prop-

erty have indicated there is enough water supply in the area that neighbouring wells should not be affected, and that the water will require some treatment for hardness.

The Ministry of Environment has indicated that an environmental assessment may be required, although the developer, his agent and the municipality's legal counsel disagree. Whether or not that must be completed will be an issue between the developer and the province, as will a requirement for a retaining wall that has been requested the Ministry of Transportation.

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## Strong candidates

UNLIKE THE leaders' debates, which are so aggressive and partisan that many people avoid them or change the channel in frustration, the local candidates' meeting last week was a refreshing, smooth-running affair, filled for the most part with talk of big ideas and commonly held concerns.

Aside from one audience member who peppered candidates with quips from the sidelines (and was eventually given a stern talking to by moderator Jim Blake), the evening revealed not only policy differences between the parties, but the individual personalities and competencies of the candidates themselves.

At the end of the night, in his closing remarks, Conservative candidate Jamie Schmale noted that all the people running for election in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock have the same goal in mind – to improve the country we live in – they just have different ways of going about it. While that might sound like a sentimental line easily made by the incumbent, in person it really did feel true.

It was good to see the candidates casually chatting together before the event, leaning over to whisper something between questions or applauding when they agreed with each other. It seemed like worlds away from what we see on TV or read in the papers about the way the country's leaders talk about each other. It also allowed the audience to listen to the answers rather than become tangled up in person-

alities.

Following the meeting, I heard several comments from audience members about how impressed they were with the choices they have this election: answers were carefully considered and genuine; that they appreciated when candidates spoke off-the-cuff and from their own personal experiences.

It wasn't perfect, of course. What should have been a slam-dunk question on climate change garnered too little tangible information from some party representatives, who agreed that the environment matters but weren't overly specific about the crux of the issue.

The responses about the building code and new construction methods also produced a few vague responses. One got the impression some candidates were trying to run out the clock rather than answer the question.

That said, attendees on Wednesday even-

ing clearly came away with a solid understanding of who was vying to represent them, what they were like and what they stood for. You can read the details in our story this week and if you'd like to watch it yourself, Canoe FM has a recording posted on their Facebook and audio on their website. Plus, the candidates gave thorough written responses to our Q&A on pages 11 through 15.

This election may be a divisive one for the country, but in this riding, we have some truly strong candidates to choose from. There's still time to get to know them before election day comes along. Make sure that you do.



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## Editorial

## Katherine

**R**ICHARD WAGAMESE (1955- 2017) was an Ojibway from the Wabaseemoong First Nation in Northwest Ontario who is recognized as a foremost First Nations author and storyteller. I am currently reading a book of his called *Embers - One Ojibway's Meditations*. He has chapters and meditations dedicated to stillness, harmony, trust, reverence, persistence and joy.

As we approached Thanksgiving I read his chapter on gratitude. The book is inspiring and thought provoking. In one of the meditations on gratitude he suggests that it is the little things in life that we are most grateful for. Watching a sunset. A hug. A helping hand.

As I read the meditation I thought about Katherine Hodgson McMahon who recently passed away and how grateful I was that I met her. She will live on in the hearts of so many people in our county and beyond. She had the world's biggest (seriously true) smile and loudest laugh and her generous heart supported many people in her lifetime. She had a family who she loved fiercely and talked about often to me. She had a long and full career of working with children and families and supporting them to improve their lives.

I first met Katherine when I moved to Haliburton and was fairly new in the community. I didn't know many people and didn't have a child at the time. In those years (early '90s) my husband and I looked after our young nephews every summer to give my sister, who had recently divorced, a bit of a break and we also just like having the boys visit. The boys were very young and had a lot

of energy and didn't sleep well and constantly pushed the limits of what they could say and do with us.

One day in the first or second year of us having the boys, I was at my wits' end with them and a neighbour suggested I take them to CHACE Place so they could play with other kids, and I could relax a bit. Off we went.

Partway through the day I was sitting at a table with a group of moms, and Katherine, when I burst into tears and proceeded to tell the group

how worried I was about the boys. They seemed to be out of control to me. I was worried about them and their behaviour, and I was very concerned about their mother and how they would all get through this challenging time in their lives. I'll never forget Katherine. She let me tell my story and listened and in the kindest way possible assured me that they would be fine because they

have a family around them who loves them. She talked about how the love and the time with them would make a big difference in the long run. She shared research from that time period that indicated how one caring adult can make an impact in a child's life. Katherine listened to me, reassured me, made me laugh and gave me a big hug as I left. I always remember that day. It shifted my focus from worry to hope and faith.

Katherine supported so many people; I know there is a lot of gratitude for her. Fast forward 25 years and my two nephews are living great lives in Vancouver and are happy. And so is my sister. And I am grateful for all of it.



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# points of view

## Clowning around

**L**AST WEEK while duck and goose hunting in Saskatchewan, I met a group of interesting people who gathered from all over North America. As you might suspect, some great stories were traded. And not all of them were about hunting either.

One of the most fascinating was from my new friend Casey. He is a young Nevadan who travels extensively, so when he asked me if I'd like to hear about the strangest place he has ever stayed in, my curiosity was immediately piqued.

Turns out it was a place called The Clown Motel, which is, by its own account, a world famous establishment.

How I never heard of this until that moment is beyond me. Because, as Casey related, this is a motel whose entire theme and décor is clown-based.

He told me there are clown paintings, drawings, dolls, mannequins and wallpaper. And, if that is not enough to get you booking a room, the place is situated right beside a very old graveyard, so there's that too.

This got me thinking. On one hand, it is really good to know about this place because you just know there will always be a room or two available. On the other hand, it is really bad because ... well, clowns.

Despite my personal disdain for clowns, the establishment has been around for a while, so it is obviously appealing to a certain demographic. I'm thinking primarily anyone who, whether professionally or recreationally, likes to put on a red nose and makeup on occasion. It might also be a



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### Loon Tales

place where certain reindeer and more and more politicians feel comfortable these days, but that's just a guess.

I suspect there are advantages to running this sort of establishment. For instance, you wouldn't need a big parking lot, since almost all your customers will show up in tiny cars. Plus, no one would ever ask you for handkerchiefs because they are all carrying hundreds.

The Clown Motel is also probably the best place in the world to go if you are a seltzer water salesman. And, while the guests are no doubt friendly, this is a place where no one who has a flower on their lapel – which is everyone – can be trusted.

On the down side, it must be hell for the shoe shine boy in the lobby or the housekeeper who need to clean up the mud they track in. And getting a good night's sleep with all those horns blaring might be near impossible.

Also, if you were robbed in the lobby, after you gave a description of the perpetrator, the police wouldn't know where to begin.

Having said all this, you have to admire the business savvy of the people who created this place. They went for a niche that no one had ever considered and, while it is not everyone's cup of seltzer, it apparently draws a regular cast of characters every year.

After all, a certain segment of society just loves clowns.

I won't lie to you. You wouldn't see me visit the place. I have never understood the fascination with clowns or even the circus.

Plus, when I visit a motel or hotel, there are certain things I demand. I want peace and quiet. I want confetti-free rooms. I don't want 20 cleaners to emerge from a house-keeping cart.

But mostly, when I order dessert, I never want the pie I ordered in my face.

Go ahead, call me Krusty.



## pic of the past

**T**his week's Pic of the Past comes from Jim Deterling, who brought in this photo of Ed Barrett on the the Kinmount dam circa 1944-45. Do you have a photo from the past you think readers would enjoy? Email jenn@haliburtonpress.com or bring it to our office at 146 Highland Street in Haliburton.

## letters to the editor

# Liberals not conservative with money

To the Editor,

Re: Letter to the editor, "Vote to be heard in Ottawa," Tuesday, Oct. 8

I would like to give a reminder that Ontario was once one of the richest provinces until the McGuinty and Wynne Liberals won and then years later, after spending what they thought was "free" money, has now made Ontario a "have-not" province.

Unfortunately, cutbacks are a result of overspending, whether it's government or personal

debt. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is heading in the same direction as what McGuinty and Wynne did to Ontario. It's *not* free money. Remember, the \$10 million paid to Khadr was paid by the taxpayers' money, that's you and me. Prime Minister Trudeau only wants to increase Old Age Security when you turn 75. What happened to the others between 65-75, he thinks they don't need it, well they do too! When you go to vote, keep in mind Liberals are not "conservative" with our money.

D. McCluskey  
Haliburton

## Happy ending in case of missing dog

To the Editor,

Sandra Dee is a white toy poodle dog that came into our lives at the age of three years old.

Our daughter Tracy rescued this beautiful animal and asked my wife and I to take care of her. It wasn't long before this, that we had dog "Spooky" that became family with us and lived to age 17. It was a hard goodbye when the vet eased her suffering and we cried our goodbyes. Later our daughter Tracy brought Sandra Dee into our lives. Tracy insisted we have Sandra as she would have more time seeing Sandra Dee if we took possession. We took to each other and we became family. She is so sharp I am sure she understood every word we spoke.

Well, we enjoyed numerous years with Sandra Dee taking her for walks and car rides. I even put her in a basket and Marlene tied her real good and we cycled in Florida and downtown Haliburton, in the park. She was a little unsure, but as soon as Marlene cycled ahead of me she had a look and felt OK. As long as she could see Marlene.

Something uncanny happened Sunday evening around 5:30. We were gathered around a fire pit in our backyard, enjoying the night. Marlene went to tend our supper and Sandra followed. She didn't climb our back stairs but settled on the first step. Supper was called and we gathered for a nice meal. When Marlene asked about our dog: "Where is she?" Supper was over fast and then we went scouting for Sandra. We talked to all

neighbours and some came out to help call Sandra home. No luck! I called the radio station and got Bill Gliddon. Bill got all the info and he announced a missing dog on the radio. It was announced both evening and morning shifts. After Bill's radio show he called me on any success. No luck yet! "I'll keep trying," was his response. Our daughter Sue called Minden dog catcher, Minden municipality and both vets for any missing dogs. We have a lot of friends who called to give us support. We would not believe what was happening. We kept expecting our dog to come home. It's heart wrenching that in 15 minutes our dog disappeared and we pray for her safe return.

We miss you, Sandra Dee.

Jim Taylor

P.S. If you believe in miracles. Here is one for you! Tuesday at noon, after playing cards in Minden, we drove home and pulled into our driveway. On our front porch was our dog Sandra. We couldn't believe what we were witnessing...



(two days and two nights out) and our dog was alive and short tail wagging. Thank you, God. We are believers. Amen.





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# Hunting for food and pleasure

STEVE GALEA

*Special to the Echo*

I am a hunter so I believe that wild animals are a sustainable resource. I also believe that animals, especially where their habitats intersect with human settlements, benefit from being managed as a resource. Yes, individual animals are killed by hunters but as a rule overall populations are protected and managed for health, stability and sustainable harvest.

That's clearly big picture stuff though. For me, hunting has always been about food and pleasure.

The pleasure is easy to explain. It comes from spending time with trusted old friends. (I still hunt for a few days each autumn with the same guys I hunted with 43 years ago, when I first started.) The pleasure also comes

from being outside in the woods in all weather, and from exploring fields, forests and marshes at prime times when animal activity is peaking. It is derived from seeing beautiful things that non-hunters will likely never see, such as flights of wood ducks cutting through the mist of an early morning marsh. It comes from learning, over the course of a hunting lifetime, the rhythms of nature, the migratory or rutting behaviour of our quarries and from seeing these wild animals at their finest and most majestic before the backdrop of unspoiled wilderness.

Pleasure comes from learning their behaviours and habits and, yes, from developing the ability to harvest an animal with firearm or bow – for that is no small achievement. But most of all there is a pride that comes from venturing afield and bringing home delicious, nutritious meat that will feed your family throughout the next few months.

For me, meat for the freezer is the culmination and greatest cause for joy. Each hunting season, hunters make efforts to stock our freezers with rabbits, squirrels, hares, ruffed grouse, woodcock, geese and ducks, wild turkey, deer, bear and moose. The result is a diversity of wild game that few but hunters experience.

Hunting was a locovore activity before anyone ever dreamed of the word. Most of the game I take is easily

within 20 miles of my house, though sometimes I venture a bit further.

Hunting cements the bond between the hunter and the land. Hunters care about the woods, wetlands and waters around us. I know, others can say that too, but hunters typically put their money and efforts where their mouth is.

If you need proof, read the recent Cornell University study of bird populations across Canada and the U.S. In that study, researchers found that, since 1970, bird populations have declined 30 per cent on average across North America.

The only bright spot has been waterfowl populations, which have increased by 50 per cent in the last 50 years, thanks to the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, which has invested billions of dollars into wetlands conservation and created international collaboration, as well as the establishment of a federal no-net-loss wetlands policy.

These are programs almost completely supported by hunting licences and taxes and the conservation groups that hunters support, such as Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl.

Wild duck is excellent, but the conservation aspect to me is the gravy.

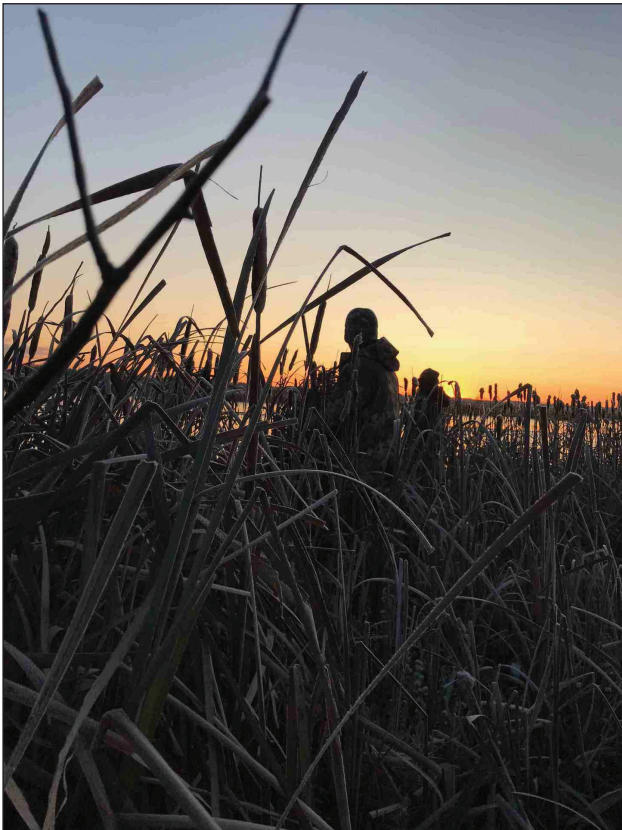


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# HKLB candidates share their views

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are candidate responses to five questions sent via email by the *Echo*. To see coverage of the all candidates meeting, see pages 1 through 3.

1. While the country now has a national housing strategy, housing remains unaffordable for many Canadians. In many communities in the riding, there's a backlog of people on the waiting list for affordable housing. What is the federal government's role when it comes to housing and housing affordability, and what can be done to address these challenges?

**Jamie Schmale, Conservative Party of Canada**

This is an issue that we are noticing more and more across our riding. Whether it's new families or seniors looking to downsize, the affordability crisis is an issue for all Canadians.

When it comes to housing affordability, this Liberal government is not as advertised. Their heavy-handed mortgage stress test, their raising of mortgage insurance premiums, and their new taxes on middle class Canadians have made it harder to own homes.

A Conservative government will work with provinces and municipalities to knock down regulatory barriers that discourage new home construction so more homes can come on the market to lower

prices. As well, a Conservative government would increase amortization periods on insured mortgages to 30 years for first-time homebuyers to lower monthly payments.

**Judi Forbes, Liberal Party of Canada**

When Canadians have a place to call home, their health, productivity and contribution to the community will improve. For 10 years, Conservatives did nothing to address housing affordability – pushing home ownership further out of reach, and increasing household stress.

The National Housing Strategy, created by this Liberal government, is Canada's first National Housing Strategy – to help provide shelter for seniors; women and children fleeing family violence;

Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities; those dealing with mental health and addiction issues; veterans; and young adults – providing a blueprint for reducing chronic homelessness by 50 per cent and removing more than 530,000 households from housing needs lists.

As we overcome some of the delays caused by the stalling tactics of the Ford government, we will begin to see the impact of more of these housing investments in our community.

A re-elected Liberal government will continue to roll out this strategy and provide up to 10 per cent off the purchase price for an estimated 120,000 new home buyers; provide more help to home buyers working in big cities such

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NDP candidate Barbara Doyle answers questions at the all candidates meeting. Gene Balfour (PPC), left, and Judi Forbes (Liberal), to the right. / DARREN LUM Staff



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as Toronto, invest \$5 million in purpose built, accessible housing for veterans, address the impact of foreign speculation in our housing market which drives up pricing and with the National Tourism strategy, we will also increase investments in infrastructure to address the needs for adequate housing and community spaces communities like ours that rely on tourism.

#### Barbara Doyle, NDP

Nobody should have to go into buying their first home by “beating the stress test.” This is not about increasing the debt ratio, it’s really about empowering the buyer. This means having jobs that pay a fair wage and provides buyers with the ability to get out of renting and into purchasing and building equity.

We also have to cool the housing market. This means building 500,000 new affordable housing units in 10 years, investing in co-ops, mid-rises and townhomes as well as single detached units. Working with developers with dedicated fast start funds, streamlining application processes and helping communities get the expertise and assistance they need to put shovels in the ground in the first year.

We will offer 30-year mortgages to lower people’s monthly payments. Doubling the First Time Home Buyers Credit to \$1,500 will help pay for land transfer and legal fees.

We can also offer retrofit programs to people buying resale homes so that they can save \$900 or more per year on their home energy costs.

Our youth are discouraged about their prospects of ever buying their own home and think they will get caught in rental markets forever. By making post-secondary tuition free and immediately cancelling all interest on student loans, our young people will come into the job market with less debt and a better ability to look at home ownership as a real prospect instead of just a dream they might never achieve.

For those struggling with ever increasing rental costs, the NDP will offer a relief program that will assist people with up to \$5,000 towards rent.

#### Elizabeth Fraser, Green Party of Canada

Housing is a crucial issue when addressing the overall quality of life of individuals. All Canadians should have the right to safe, secure, and affordable housing, something the Green Party would seek to legislate as a fundamental human right. In order to ensure we have more affordable homes, we will strengthen the National Housing Strategy by appointing a Minister of Housing, whose mandate will be to build 25,000 new and rehabilitate 15,000 homes each year for the next 10 years. However, we must also help those who need housing now. Increasing the Canada Housing Benefit by \$750 million, we can provide rental assistance for 125,000

households. We need to shift our focus from helping Canadians buy homes to getting Canadians into homes. Changing the way we think about a home and introducing new solutions, such as tiny houses or more basement apartments, can help address the housing crisis more immediately.

#### Gene Balfour, People’s Party of Canada

A People’s Party government will protect our citizens from the risks and costs of an expensive and ill-conceived national housing strategy. Affordable housing is an economic and legislative problem that has ballooned in significance and severity over time. Adding more government involvement to address this issue will only make the problem worse.

One of its root causes includes excessive government growth which can be broken down into two parts: “red tape inflation” and “tax inflation.” Consider the following tax inflation scenario.

In 1961, the average Canadian family breadwinner forfeited 38 per cent of his annual earnings to taxes from all sources. Today, it’s 53 per cent. This means that if a person in 2019 Haliburton earns \$100,000 per year, \$53,000 is lost to taxes compared to \$38,000 (today’s dollars) of the typical 1961 family man. This \$15,000 in “tax inflation” occurred as a direct consequence of funding our expanding public bureaucracies. This \$15,000 would go a long way to make housing more affordable if only we could curb and reverse “tax inflation.”

“Red tape inflation” is worse. It has involved the steady proliferation of government-created building codes and required licensing/certifications for skilled trades workers. The compliance costs for these are passed on to consumers as higher prices.

It is unfair to Canadian households that politicians, government department heads and public sector union executives will materially benefit from the expanding bureaucracies and their budgets. Canadian taxpayers do not need this extra tax burden especially when the federal debt (future taxes) already exceeds \$700 billion.

2. Do you support carbon pricing/taxation and why? What does a responsible federal plan to combat climate change look like?

#### Jamie Schmale, Conservative Party of Canada

Our riding is home to a number of diverse landscapes, including the beautiful Lake Simcoe Watershed, to the dense forests in the northern region of our riding, we certainly have a lot to be grateful for – and a lot to protect. In fact, this is why the Conservative Party has committed to restoring the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund with a \$30 million investment over four years to support over 200 community-based projects. This project was cancelled by the Liberals in 2017, and I have fought in support of the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund – and the tangible results it was having on our commu-

nities.

Canadians trusted Justin Trudeau when he said he would protect the environment and lower Canada’s emissions. Instead, all they got was a carbon tax. Not only is Canada failing to hit our Paris Agreement targets, we are getting further and further away. We should all be concerned about climate change, and about the kind of planet we will leave to our children. That’s why I am proud to share the Conservative Party’s Real Plan to Protect Our Environment, which is built on three guiding principles:

1. Green technology, not taxes.
2. A cleaner and greener natural environment.
3. Taking the climate change fight global.

Under the Conservative plan, it will not be free to pollute – and unlike the Liberal scheme, there will be no sweetheart deals for anybody. Further, we can actually create more jobs in Canada through technological growth while at the same time lowering global emissions.

#### Judi Forbes, Liberal Party of Canada

I support carbon taxing with rebates as a scientific based and proven method to help consumers reduce their carbon footprint. First introduced in British Columbia in 2007, emissions are now down 12 per cent on a per capita basis and since 1990, B.C. emissions for each unit of economic output have been nearly cut in half.

But the national carbon tax and rebate program is only part of the solution to get to net-zero emissions as a country. We must continue to decrease our reliance on fossil fuels, invest in net zero solutions, and work hard to conserve our national resources. A responsible federal plan to combat climate change must include a price on pollution as a starting point and include a five-year binding milestone for pollution reduction – put forward by climate experts; investments to retrofit existing homes and buildings, and new standards for new buildings; phasing out the use of coal and our reliance on fossil fuels; funding to replace public transportation and personal vehicles with net zero-emission models; skills development to transition to and build new careers in the green economy; an aggressive conservation agenda to preserve our oceans, forests, natural habitats, oceans and waterways combined with clean water initiatives to preserve our greatest resource – water; tax credits to encourage and support innovation in net zero emission solutions, and; open international trade and development to assist countries that need help to combat climate change.

#### Barbara Doyle, NDP

It’s time for an ambitious, comprehensive plan to take urgent action on climate change, create jobs and strengthen our communities. NDP supports carbon

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pricing as it has been shown globally to be an effective tool in getting the offending polluters to reduce their emissions.

We must adopt science-based emissions reduction targets, eliminating fossil fuel subsidies immediately and getting Canada powered by net carbon-free electricity by 2030.

The NDP will create 300,000 new jobs building the clean energy future in the next four years with access to training and education, and support for workers, families and communities so that they aren't left behind in the changing economy. We will boost clean tech research and manufacturing with Buy Canadian procurement, helping communities reduce emissions and keep jobs here in Canada.

We will make public transit cleaner, more convenient and even free by working with municipalities. We want to build more zero emissions vehicles here at home.

We will amend the National Building Code to make all new buildings in Canada net-zero ready by 2030, and complete energy efficient retrofits on all existing housing stock by 2050. This will save most homeowners \$900 or more a year on home energy costs.

You don't have to choose between the environment and the economy. You just have to choose how you get there so both can be cared for.

#### Elizabeth Fraser, Green Party of Canada

The Green Party does support a carbon fee on carbon dioxide pollutions. A Green government would return all revenue to Canadians as a dividend. Although carbon pricing has been one of the most discussed policies on how to combat climate change, it is not what we should be basing our climate change plans on. Climate change must be addressed in all aspects and all policies should be viewed through an environmental lens.

Firstly, a federal plan must meet the Paris targets. The Green Party has put forward the most aggressive targets of a 60 per cent reduction in emissions below 2005 levels by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050. Secondly, we must move away from fossil fuels. The fossil fuel industry in Canada contributes to the most emissions and the best way of hitting our targets is transitioning to a green economy. We simply cannot afford any new infrastructure connected to fossil fuels, including the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

The Green Party's Mission Possible is a comprehensive 20 point plan which addresses all aspects of our society and how we can make each sector more sustainable. These sectors include energy, buildings, transportation, agriculture, and infrastructure to adapt to climate change. This must be a collaborative approach. All parties must be at the table. Partisan politics has thwarted strong environmental policy for too long and in order for us to meet our targets and mitigate the impacts of climate change, we must all work together.

#### Gene Balfour, People's Party of Canada

The People's Party rejects climate change alarmism and will focus on concrete improvements to the environment.

Climate change alarmism is based on flawed models that have consistently failed to correctly predict the future. None of the cataclysmic predictions that have been made about the climate have come true. No steady warming in direct relation with increases in CO2 levels. No disappearance of polar ice caps. No exceptional rise in ocean levels. No abnormal increase in catastrophic



People's Party of Canada candidate Gene Balfour answers questions at the all candidates meeting on Oct. 9. /DARREN LUM Staff

weather events. No widespread crop failure and famine.

In fact, CO2 is beneficial for agriculture and there has recently been a measurable "greening" of the world in part thanks to higher levels. CO2 is not a pollutant. It is an essential ingredient for life on Earth and needed for plant growth.

Given the uncertainties over the scientific basis of global warming, and the certainties about the huge costs of measures designed to fight it, there is no compelling reason to jeopardize our prosperity with more government interventions. A People's Party government will: withdraw from the Paris Accord and abandon unrealistic greenhouse gas emission reduction target; stop sending billions of dollars to developing countries to help them reduce their emissions; abolish the Liberal government's carbon tax; abolish subsidies for green technology and let private players develop profitable and efficient alternatives; invest in adaptation strategies if problems arise as a result of any natural climate change; and prioritize practical solutions for cleaner air, water and soil cleaner, including bringing clean drinking water to remote First Nations communities.

*3. Economic development and youth retention are major hurdles in the still largely seasonal economy of Haliburton County. How are these problems best addressed?*

#### Jamie Schmale, Conservative Party of Canada

Jobs are created when the conditions for private sector growth enable success. That means taxes need to be kept low, and rules, regulations and red tape must be reduced to a more reasonable level. Access to reliable high-speed internet and cellular service must be a priority, because without access to internet, many businesses outside of urban centres will be challenged to provide comparable experiences for their customers. I also believe that our workforce must be empowered to do more to meet demand, especially in the skilled trades.

We already know that Haliburton County has an amazing quality of life, but without some of the most basic services (internet, ability to make a living, labour pool to match need), attracting youth or sparking economic activity will

continually become more difficult.

#### Judi Forbes, Liberal Party of Canada

With the major infrastructure investments provided by the Liberal government, there will be more highly skilled jobs available in our region to keep youth in our communities to support: New housing developments; municipal infrastructure programs; retrofitting projects to move to a greener community; tourism infrastructure programs; environmental research projects; conservation programs for our lands and waterways; clean water research and initiatives, and new zero-emission construction projects.

With both Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College nearby, our community youth have immense opportunities to access and leverage their leading programs in environment science, natural resource management and skilled trades to take advantage of the job growth that will come with a greener economy. And they will be enabled by increased student grants, better student loans repayment options and \$10,000 investments in new apprenticeship opportunities.

Climate action projects can be a game changer for our communities and our youth – bringing leading edge career opportunities that will renew and rejuvenate our local economy.

#### Barbara Doyle, NDP

The Liberal and Conservatives both love to say that they care about Canadian jobs, but yet they refuse to intervene in markets that have created the job situation there is today. Ones with less benefits, precarious or contract labour and the removal of health and safety standards that protect our workers. This has created stagnant wages, growing inequality and slow growth.

We need to create good domestic jobs right here, improving working conditions so that our youth want to work in high skilled trades and apprenticeship programs. Prioritizing Canadian procurement for infrastructure projects, investing in green industries and tech sectors, creating 300,000 new jobs in those industries, means that we need high skilled workers to fill those positions. We also know that we will face a

higher need for medical staffing, PSW's, nurses, doctors and healthcare personnel due to our aging population. Encouraging provinces to adapt their high school curriculums may be one way for our youth to develop a passion in these sectors.

In order to give everyone a fair shot in opportunity and security, we need affordable housing, universal child care and student debt cancellation to do this.

#### Elizabeth Fraser, Green Party of Canada

There are several ways in which these challenges can be addressed. Firstly, we need to make sure that post secondary education is more affordable for young people. High skilled trades and jobs such as personal support workers are in high demand in this riding. By eliminating post secondary tuition, we can make sure students leave their education debt free and can enter well paying, secure jobs immediately. This program has been fully costed by the Parliamentary Budget Office; it is possible to provide academic debt relief to Canadians.

It is also important to look at industries that students are interested in. As a student in university, I know that many young people are aware of the crisis facing our environment and are interested in careers based in mitigating said crisis. Ridings such as ours have huge opportunity for innovating and job creation in this area. Transitioning to a green economy and encouraging more green industries which are new and exciting will encourage more young people with the necessary skills to move to areas such as ours. Finally, governments at all levels – municipal, provincial, and federal – need to work together to design and implement programs that encourage young people to become more involved in their communities and encourage them to discover the benefits of living in rural areas such as Haliburton. We live in such a beautiful region with so much to offer its residents and it is important that those opportunities are passed along to more young people.



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#### Gene Balfour, People's Party of Canada

A People's Party government will create a welcoming strategy of common sense economic, legislative and regulatory policies to improve economic development and youth retention for our rural communities. It will take the ability to think like a business executive in order to address both issues.

I bring a unique perspective and knowledge to this topic. It is based on 35 years employed as a professional recruiter in the IT sector during which I interviewed over 10,000 job candidates. It includes a strong background in economics which is essential to consider the assets of Haliburton County that can attract economic contributors - both businesses and talent.

Urban centres have benefited from modern communications and internet technologies which made work-from-home possible for many knowledge workers like IT professionals. Rural centres are playing catch-up in the required infrastructure investments. Once these are reliably in place, let's reach out to those who are trapped in Toronto's high cost of housing, commuting and living costs and show them the "Haliburton alternative."

In 2016, I moved to Fenelon Falls after working in the GTA since 1975. I have had the personal experience of moving from the "GTA rat race" to the beauty, tranquility and friendliness of life in rural Ontario, and the sales skills to promote these advantages. While the Haliburton tourist industry is important, I can help to create a well-planned and executed economic diversification strategy which will focus on attracting new, year-round employers to stimulate economic development and aid youth retention.

4. How do you help Canadians with the burden of the ever-increasing cost of living?

#### Jamie Schmale, Conservative Party of Canada

I have knocked on thousands of doors in just the last few weeks, and this issue is the same as I have been hearing since 2015. In fact, almost half of all Canadian households report being less than \$200 a month away from insolvency at month's end. So, in order to put more money back in your pockets, the Conservative Party has committed to:

- Taking GST off home heating bills
- Scrapping the Carbon Tax
- Making parental benefits tax-free
- Lowering personal taxes
- Increasing the Age Credit by \$1,000
- Implementing a Children's Fitness Tax Credit and a Children's Arts and Learning Tax Credit

#### Judi Forbes, Liberal Party of Canada

The Liberal government has already addressed the cost of living in current initiatives that lowered taxes for the middle class, introduced the Child Care Benefit and improved incomes for seniors and veterans.

When re-elected our platform will add to this success with a national guaranteed wage of \$15 per hour; no taxes on your first \$15,000 of income; lower energy



Judi Forbes is the Liberal candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. /DARREN LUM Staff

bills from retrofitting homes; making it more affordable to use zero emission vehicles and transportation; making more clean and affordable power available in every Canadian community; providing affordable legal aid to those affected by sexual violence; providing affordable housing units for veterans; opening up CBC's technology to provide affordable options for access to local news with local journalists and newsmakers; providing more affordable and accessible child care; increasing grants for students and improving loan repayment options; building more affordable housing for the disadvantaged and seniors; investing in accessible homes for veterans; providing grants for new net-zero-emission homes and new home buyers; improving options for parental leave with better subsidies and lower taxes; and increasing OAS by 10 per cent at age 75, and increasing CPP survivor benefits by 25 per cent.

#### Barbara Doyle, NDP

The NDP is all about taking care of individuals and families in the core stabilities of health care, education, housing, equality and social justice as well as taking care of our environment.

We will bring in universal pharmacare so that you can get your prescriptions with your health card instead of your debit card. This will save people more than \$500 per year and save Canada \$4.2 billion a year because of group buying of pharmaceuticals and reduced health care costs. We will add universal dental, saving families an average of \$1,500 per year. Vision and hearing care will follow along with improved mental health services. We believe that health care should cover you from head to toe.

We will encourage post-secondary education and retraining with free tuition and immediately cancelling interest on student loans.

Our housing programs will see an end to homelessness in a decade with 500,000 new units, putting shovels in the ground in the first year, and offering up to \$5,000 in rent supports for those that need it. Thirty year mortgages and doubling the First Time Home Buyers Tax Credit will help people move from expensive rental markets into their own homes.

Improving pensions for our seniors, a universal basic income, increase in the minimum wage, gender pay equality, and universal child care will help all Canadians with affordability and improved standard of living.

The NDP will not be raising your taxes. We will be closing tax loopholes for the rich and eliminating tax evasion schemes. There will be no more billion dollar handouts for wealthy oil and gas corporations. We will implement a wealth tax on those that have over \$20 million and a foreign speculator tax of 15 per cent to pay for our housing programs and cut down on illegal money laundering that drives up housing prices.

#### Elizabeth Fraser, Green Party of Canada

This is one of the most common concerns expressed not only in our riding, but all over Canada. There are so many connected aspects for cost of living and many reasons why more and more Canadians are finding it harder to make ends meet. The best program a government can implement to lift Canadians out of poverty and help them afford basic necessities is a Guaranteed Livable Income. The Green Party is the only party that has committed to immediately working towards implementing the GLI and working with municipalities and provincial governments to do so. This program has been tested in areas all over Canada, including communities in our riding and it works. The GLI, implemented by a Green government, would provide a payment to all Canadians, unique to their region and livable wage. Addressing the housing crisis, healthcare, education and food insecurity, are other ways in which we can help make life more affordable.

We can implement universal pharmacare, with a focus on primary care and prevention. This would include dental coverage for low income, more

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Conservative candidate Jamie Schmale, right, speaks at the all candidates meeting. Green party candidate Elizabeth Fraser is on the left.





Green party candidate Elizabeth Fraser speaks at the all candidates meeting in Haliburton.

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affordable prescriptions, and an increased emphasis on mental health and addictions. Focusing on preventative medicine will not only save Canadians money, but will save the government money as well. Lifting people out of poverty and giving them reliable income will address root causes of affordability for all Canadians.

#### Gene Balfour, People's Party of Canada

A People's Party Government would streamline government services to reduce the largest contributor to ever-rising cost of living – taxes. The operating expenses of our public institutions must be contained within the size and scope that Canadians households and businesses can afford.

Tax Inflation since 1961 has been 40 per cent. This is the direct result of excessive government expansion. More money should remain with every wage-earner, retirement investor and business owner for their needs and priorities, not with government officials who's priorities differ and are often political in nature.

Consider the price of gasoline as one of the many rising costs. Five sources of tax add a minimum of \$0.33 to every litre you buy at the pumps. When every product that you buy from a retail store has been transported there by trucks, these taxes are also imbedded in the prices you pay at checkout.

A local antiques merchant pointed to a 106 year old chair to which sales taxes apply as they do for used vehicles. He understood tax on new products, but why repeated taxes on used ones?

Our tax system must serve our Canadians citizens and businesses – not the runaway costs of governments that are unable to control their spending problems. The People's Party will use common sense and restore respect to all taxpayers by applying its four core principles to this issue: Personal Freedom, Individual Responsibility, Fairness and Mutual Respect.

5. Both former Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau have been criticized for harbouring too much power in the Prime Minister's Office and accused of abusing that power. What is required to bring more accountability to the PMO?

#### Jamie Schmale, Conservative Party of Canada

I think that most political historians would agree that the gradual consolidation of power inside the PMO began under Pierre Elliot Trudeau and continued throughout the decades to probably the tightest control in our history under Justin Trudeau. Stephen Harper

worked to make the federal government more accountable with the Federal Accountability Act of 2006, which provided conflict of interest rules, restrictions on election financing and measures respecting administrative transparency, oversight and accountability.

One measure we can take is to overhaul our committee structure modelling it to something like the UK, where committees work more in a collaborative approach. This usually results in more meaningful solutions to problems – not just creating reports that nobody reads.

I think the ultimate form of accountability that Canadians have will be the upcoming election. Canadians can choose between a prime minister who abuses his power, bends the law for his friends, attempts to silence his critics and destroys their reputations. Or, they can choose a Conservative government led by a prime minister who will uphold the rule of law, respect our democratic institutions, and help all Canadians get ahead.

#### Judi Forbes, Liberal Party of Canada

After the harnessing of information in the PMO as created by Stephen Harper, the Liberal government opened doors to ministers for the press and lobbyists to have direct conversations, in line with the rule of the cabinet.

The Liberal Party has also given people a greater voice in Parliament by improving the way that Parliament works. In the last four years, the changes the Liberals have brought to Parliament – from Senate reform to more free votes to regular Prime Minister's Question Periods – have made Parliament more effective and more accountable to Canadians. But there is still more work to do.

To ensure that Parliament better reflects the people it serves, we will move forward with additional reforms, including: allocating more time for private members' business to be debated and voted on in Parliament; working with Parliament to introduce new technology or other institutional changes to better connect members with their constituents; eliminating the use of whip and party lists to give the speaker greater freedom in calling on members who wish to speak; and providing more resources to parliamentary committees so that they have the staff and research they need to deliver meaningful policy recommendations.

We will also continue to move forward with the new, non-partisan, and merit-based Senate appointment process, and will update the Parliament of Canada Act to reflect the Senate's new, non-partisan role. Each of these measures provide more opportunities to improve accountability and transparency to Canadians from the

PMO and across Parliament.

#### Barbara Doyle, NDP

We can clean up politics and restore people's trust in government. Ethical and transparent government is about more than talking points – it's about making sure that Canadians can have faith that their government is acting in their interests, not in the interests solely of the rich, well-connected insiders. Ethical government is essential for a healthy democracy, and when people lose that we all suffer.

We will take immediate steps to take the influence of big money out of government for good, bringing in tougher penalties in the Conflict of Interest Act to ensure that abuse of public trust is treated seriously. Currently, the government only needs to report the number of times they meet with lobbyists, but they don't have to report the amount of money being spent or values received.

We will work with provinces to abolish the Senate and in the meantime, an NDP government will insist the Senate change it's rules so that unelected Senators can't hold up legislation for months when it has already been adopted by the Members of Parliament.

We will introduce an ethical and social environmental screen on government procurement, so that Canadians can be confident that their tax dollars are not going to pay for bribes in foreign countries or pollution that we'll all have to pay to clean up later.

And finally, after Justin Trudeau's broken promises of election reform, the NDP government will adopt mixed-member proportional representation for the 2023 election, ensuring that every vote counts the way it should.

#### Elizabeth Fraser, Green Party of Canada

Our government needs to be more transparent. It is the responsibility of the government to work for its citizens, not for corporations. As an individual, I strongly believe in accountability and transparency as a leader and for those who lead me. The Green Party advocates for honest, ethical, and caring leadership and there are several ways in which a Green government would introduce more integrity into our government. We can strengthen the role and protect the independence of parliamentary officers such as the Ombudsman, the Auditor General, the Ethics Commissioner, and the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

It is important that these officers are allowed to perform their mandates without political influence. We can strengthen the Conflict of Interest Act and the Lobbying Act to ensure that external groups are not selfishly influencing political activities. We can increase transparency by expanding the Access to Information Act and ensuring that the administration of parliament, the Prime Minister's Office, and the minister's offices are within the scope of the ATI. Canadians deserve to know that their government is working in their best interests. It is a big responsibility to take care of Canadians and it must be done with honesty, integrity, and care at its core.

#### Gene Balfour, People's Party of Canada

A People's Party government will execute faithfully on its elected political platform which has been inspired by four principles: Personal Freedom, Individual Responsibility, Fairness and Mutual Respect.

While principles matter and can be used to judge any alleged abuse of PMO power, 'justice' is too easily influenced by individual subjectivity, crafty politics and further abuse of the powers of that office to sidestep legitimate accountability. The SNC Lavalin scandal has been a demonstration of this reality.

Some people say that electoral reform may help. Others prefer recall legislation. In the USA, impeachment laws exist that we lack. I personally admire the decentralized structures of government in Switzerland that restricts federal powers to a limited portfolio of responsibilities and relies on 26 cantons to provide a form of direct democracy to its residents. My thinking goes as follows.

Canada is vast, home to 37 million citizens, and the most multi-ethnic and multicultural nation on the planet. We elect one prime minister for all 37 million citizens who each possess a highly unique life lens.

We also elect one member of Parliament to represent 100,000 residents in each of 338 federal electoral ridings. Each MP is their riding spokesperson in Parliament who must compete with the other 337 MPs for a "voice at the table" to negotiate whatever monies or legislative advantages that they can extract for their constituents. This top down command and control structure can't possibly satisfy all 37 million uniquely individual Canadians as well as a decentralized model.



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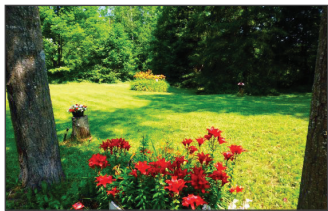
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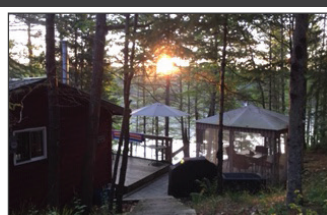
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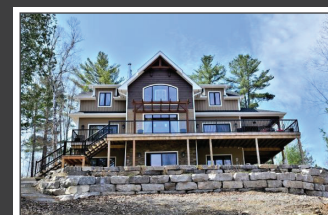
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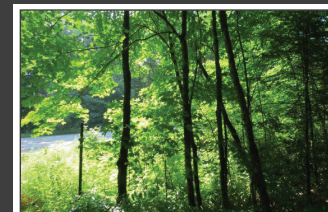
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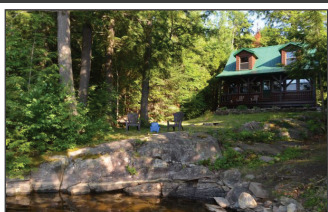
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# Survey says: Highlands East to discuss short-term accommodations

SUE TIFFIN  
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Oct. 8 meeting of Highlands East council.

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- CLUES ACROSS

  - 1. Computer key
  - 4. Periodical (abbr.)
  - 7. Hot beverage
  - 8. Capital of Ghana
  - 10. Shrek is one
  - 12. Behemoth
  - 13. Good friend
  - 14. Form of "to be"
  - 16. Where travelers rest
  - 17. European country
  - 19. Everyone has one
  - 20. Pop
  - 21. Feelings of anxiety
  - 25. Small amount
  - 26. Moved quickly
  - 27. Common name for a type of frog
  - 29. Free from psychological disorder
  - 30. 8th month (abbr.)
  - 31. Basics
  - 32. Transcending national boundaries
  - 39. Natives of Kashmir
  - 41. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
  - 42. Cigar wrapper
  - 43. Brew
- CLUES DOWN

  - 1. Type of bomb
  - 2. Smooth
  - 3. Clothing pattern
  - 4. Defunct phone company
  - 5. Something to take
  - 6. Type of piano
  - 8. Consumed
  - 9. "Pitch Perfect" actress Kendrick
  - 11. Ray-finned fish
  - 14. Heat storage stove
  - 15. Shrink back
  - 18. Yukon Territory
  - 19. Connects words
- 20. Sound unit
  - 22. Furniture with open shelves
  - 23. Cool!
  - 24. 007's creator
  - 27. Source of the Nile River
  - 28. Not safe, but É
  - 29. Helps little firms
  - 31. Comedienne Gasteyer
  - 32. Conceptualize
  - 33. Root mean square (abbr.)
  - 34. Integrated circuit
  - 35. Evergreen trees and shrubs genus
  - 36. Apprehended
  - 37. Suitable for growing crops
  - 38. Isolated
  - 39. Footwear company
  - 40. Electronic intelligence gathering
  - 44. Political action committee
  - 47. Free of

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Of the 338 people who responded to a question that asked if they had "personally experienced or observed short-term rental homes to be associated with unwanted behaviours," including noise, parking, poor property management, fire code concerns, etc., about 53 per cent said no, while about 46 per cent said yes, citing fireworks between cottages over propane tanks, blocked laneways, loud music and drunken behaviour.

"We experience some noise and lack of privacy because the property, which is next door, is generally overused," said one respondent. "It has been available for rent every week all season for about eight years. It is essentially a commercial operation."

"Most renters are very respectful of the community and the environment but the number of those that are not is increasing and the pressure on our lakes and rivers has never been so high," said another.

In a question about whether short-

term rentals play a positive role in economic development, almost 66 per cent of respondents said yes, while almost 28 per cent said no, and almost five per cent had no opinion. While 35 per cent of responders said they believed short-term rentals have a negative impact on traditional tourist accommodation operators, such as bed and breakfasts or motels, almost 54 per cent did not.

"I purchased my cottage for peace and tranquility, not loud offensive uncontrolled parties with no information about who to report it to," said one commenter.

"It goes without saying that this municipality needs all the visitors it can accommodate in an effort to [boost] the economy of the area," said another responder. "The local businesses and stores definitely reap the benefits of short term rentals."

"While the majority of renters respect the environment and other landowners – more and more renters do not have any concern or interest in preservation," said another. "Economic impact or contribution to the area is rare, most renters I have seen pack and bring what they need and rarely venture to town for suppliers or related expenditures."

"In two years our Airbnb rental has brought over 1,500 people to Wilberforce," said another respondent. "These guests shop in our stores, visit our info centre and eat in the restaurant. A map on the wall is covered in pins pointing to all the different countries that our visitors have come from. All of our Airbnb rentals have been positive experiences."

The survey also asked responders to rank concerns associated with short-term

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*The local businesses and stores definitely reap the benefits of short-term rentals.*  
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# Rental issue been contentious for Highlands East council

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rentals, including excessive noise, septic and water quality issues, intensification of shoreline activities, loss of neighbourhood character, bylaw enforcement and impact on tax base/unfair taxation.

Council sought input from the public to gain more insight into what approach to take with short-term rentals in the area, whether to allow them or how to regulate them, beginning with feedback on a draft questionnaire in March this year.

The survey itself was made public in July 2019 and closed on Aug. 30. The survey came after the municipality decided not to proceed with a planned short-term accommodation committee last December.

Mayor Dave Burton has said the issue had been contentious and had divided the municipality.

Council will put the short-term accommodation survey results on the township website, and the working meeting will occur at a later date.

## Fewer storms, fewer fire calls

Mayor Dave Burton asked Chris Baughman, acting fire chief, if he might know why fire calls are down 75 calls this year with a total of 180 calls to date compared to 255 last year at the same time.

"Speaking with tri-services, the MNR, the people there are kind of blaming it on the lack of storms, lack of lightning strikes," said Baughman. "It's kind of affected us in all areas ... Road conditions are better because there has been a lack of storms, and no power lines down."

Baughman said in general the calls have continued this month on a similar pace to the rest of the year.

## Doors Open opened doors

Dozens of people visited sites that included Parquin Lodge and Manned Forest, Hyland Ice Supply, Essonville Historic Church and Artech Glassblowing Studio during the 2019 Doors Open event held in Highlands East last month.

Economic development co-ordinator Joanne Vanier said 16 sites participated in the event held Sept. 14 and 15, four of which had not participated in past years when the Doors Open event was held.

The event happens throughout the province, and cycles through one of four municipalities in Haliburton County each year. Highlands East last participated in 2015.

Vanier reported that generally numbers were down from the 2015 event, but said, "despite this, the event was successful."

Besides local residents attending, guests from throughout Ontario, including from Barrie, Toronto, Ottawa, and Orillia stopped by. Kidd Schoolhouse Museum had 31 visitors on the Saturday of the event, while Hyland Ice Supply saw 69 visitors. Almost 30 people stopped in at Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost and Wilberforce Elementary School on Saturday.

## Waste Wizard app gearing up to go

Staff have undergone tutorials about the Waste Wizard app and are now reviewing and testing it for the public.

Highlands East is joining Algonquin Highlands in launching the Waste Wizard

web app for residents and visitors, sharing the costs and services of the waste management information tool. Algonquin Highlands launched the app last month.

Environmental supervisor Stewart Hurd has said the online tool "will assist with a desired increase in diversion and reduction in contamination by providing residents with informative, up-to-date

waste information."

The app is expected to go live to the public in the upcoming months.



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# SIRCH impact reverberates through community

*Haliburton County community services organization celebrating 30th anniversary*

JENN WATT

Editor

Gena Robertson could name any of the dozens of programs launched in Haliburton County as the highlights of three decades of SIRCH Community Services. She could hold up the millions of dollars invested in the local economy in that time. But what she said makes her most proud on SIRCH's 30th anniversary is the ripple effects the organization has created.

"I meet people who had a parent support worker 30 years ago and it changed their life. I meet people whose kids went to School's Cool and are now in college and they remember School's Cool. Those kinds of things," said the executive director in an interview last week. "... you want to make a difference and a positive difference and show people, or help people realize how the skills that they do have, and the potential that they have ... is important. I would say for me it's more about that than it is about a particular program."

SIRCH, founded in 1989, has launched and fostered so many initiatives that it's likely no two people see the charity the same way. It started with the Social Action Committee, formed locally to help fill service gaps at a time when there were very few organizations available to do so. The committee started with Parent Support Services, which Robertson led on a five-year contract.

Since then, the organization has adapted to meet the needs of county residents, starting a women's shelter, counselling services, hospice care, programming for pregnant women and new moms and parents with young children, food initiatives, school readiness sessions, awareness campaigns, skills training programs, and social enterprises.

Some programs are still under the SIRCH banner, others have been divested or have transformed with new organizations at the helm.

Today, SIRCH runs Family Roots genealogy program, Community Action Program for Children, Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program, School's Cool, Community Kitchen, Lunch Is On Us, Cook It Up training, Ready For Retail, Thrift Warehouse (in Haliburton and Bancroft), Repair Cafe and Catering For A Cause.

Much of the work done addresses community economic development and poverty reduction, from improving the lives of children and preparing nutritious food to workforce training and providing goods at low costs through the Thrift Warehouse and Repair Cafe.

Thrift Warehouse and Catering For A Cause are both social enterprises, meaning they offer something to the consumer, while also generating money for the charity.

"The nice thing about both Thrift Warehouse and Catering For A Cause, is it's not just a social enterprise to raise money, it also provides training and opportunities for employment, which goes back into the social determinants of health and how you do poverty reduction in a responsible way," Robertson said. "We don't just want to feed people, we want to give them skills and confidence and opportunities to give back to their community however they can."



Jay McIvor pulls out some butter chicken and roast tandoori vegetables during a Cook It Up All Fall program last year. SIRCH offers training programs for those wishing to work in the restaurant industry as well as services providing food to those in need. /DARREN LUM Staff



Tessa Shelly, 4, holds up three fingers as part of song performed at the graduation ceremony for School's Cool in this file photo. The school readiness program helps kids get ready for kindergarten and is one of SIRCH's many initiatives. /DARREN LUM Staff

Volunteers and organizers of the Women's Emergency House in Haliburton gather to cut the ribbon for the new safe haven for local women who need temporary refuge from abusive relationships. This photo was likely taken around 1995. The Women's Emergency House was a SIRCH initiative that eventually ended due to lack of funds, but was the precursor to the YWCA safe space.



Barbara Fawcett said she decided to join the board almost nine years ago because it allowed her to help the community.

"I looked at the volunteers with SIRCH and how dedicated they were and how the organization looked to fill in the gaps. ... SIRCH has always been that group that has looked outside of the box and said maybe we could help here or there," said Fawcett, who has been president of the board for seven years.

Fawcett said she's seen first-hand the benefit the work skills training has played.

"I know a person who has been through several of our programs and who had been living on Ontario Works, or what we used to call welfare, who has basically a full-time job now. And that's a direct result of the training that we've provided in ... both the Cook It Up as well as the Ready For Retail [programs] and [she] found her niche in retail," she said.

"I think we touch hundreds, but probably more like thousands every year, but even if there's only one good-news story out of the organization, then we've done what we're here to do, which is to provide for the needs of the community," she said.

To mark their 30th anniversary, SIRCH is having an informal celebration at the Community Room, part of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, 13523 High-



This photo published in the Haliburton County Echo in 1993 shows Gena Robertson, left, and Betty Pollard of SIRCH. The caption said they were in search of volunteers for the crisis response network for Haliburton County.

way 118, outside of Haliburton on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 4 to 8 p.m., presentations at 6 p.m. Mike Jaycock will be master of ceremonies. Anyone involved with the organization either as a participant,

client, volunteer, staff member or supporter is welcome to attend. Find more details at [www.sirch.on.ca/anniversary](http://www.sirch.on.ca/anniversary) or call 705-457-1742.



## sports

# Hawks surprising themselves with progress

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When your sports team is looking to the future for on-court success, competitiveness is usually hard to come by.

However for the senior Red Hawks boys' volleyball team they're bucking this trend, keeping exhibition matches close, pushing opponents and even beating them. It's given the first-year senior squad a glimpse of potential post-season glory.

Following a competitive 0-2 (22-25 and 18-25) loss to the visiting St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Titans and an earlier 0-2 (18-25 and 15-25) loss to the I.E. Weldon Wildcats in the home opener on Tuesday, Oct. 8, head coach Brett Caputo said he really liked his team's effort.

The two competitive home matches came on the heels of an impressive 2-0 (25-12 and 25-15) road win against the Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute Rams, a 0-2 loss to the I.E. Wildcats, including one narrow defeat of 27-29, and a 0-2 loss to last year's COSSA winners Adam Scott Lions, which has six club players. Caputo said it was encouraging for his team to score at least a dozen points off of the Lions, who are likely OFSAA bound.

The momentum from the victory over the Rams carried over to their match against the Titans, which was a closely contested match even though the Hawks were down early – by as much as 13 points.

"We were down 7-0, but that was their best volleyball they played all year. But the score didn't reflect that. It didn't reflect how well we were playing. They were just winning those rallies. So eventually it will come. It's gotta come," Caputo said.

There's added drama to the scenario, as the Hawks are scheduled to host the A Kawartha Championships on Nov. 5 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The seeding for this tournament will be determined by a Kawartha seeding tournament with three teams. The top team will earn a bye to the COSSA final (regardless of Kawartha finish) while the second and third will play each other. It's an opportunity not lost on fifth year player Liam Little, who was a standout for the team with solid net play, consistent serving and spiking against the Wildcats and the Titans.

Little is enjoying his first and only eligible year with the team.

"I usually just play recreational, but getting the chance to play against other



Red Hawks senior volleyball player Logan Heaven passes the ball during Kawartha League exhibition action on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. The Hawks did not win, but were happy with their competitive play in their first senior year of volleyball.

/DARREN LUM Staff

teams that are pretty good and getting the opportunity to lose and win I think that is a pretty good opportunity," he said.

His first taste of high school volleyball comes after playing a couple years of public pick-up volleyball two years ago, which included mostly adult players. The experience provided a great basis for his skills and court awareness.

Caputo has appreciated the skills Little brings to the court and calls him a "team leader."

"He helps with the cohesiveness of the team and he is the leader. He's not a court captain, which is OK. They're different roles," he said.

Little believes in the team.

"The progress we have showed so far, knowing we only had a couple practices [all together] and a couple tournaments, I can see us doing well at Kawarthas and hopefully going to COSSA. I have high hopes for this group. I know we can do it," he said.



Red Hawks senior volleyball player Liam Little serves.

Caputo admits it's hard to predict progress or results in sports. The team is 2-2 on the season.

"In my mind we're No. 2 and we're

COSSA bound at this point. We've got to continue to grow ... of course [so is everyone else too]. We'll just see what happens," he said.



Red Hawks senior volleyball players and co-captains Sam Hoenow and Jacob Dobson move into position.



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Running cross country

Red Hawks cross-country runners came together for a photo at the Lakefield cross-country invitational on Oct. 9. From left, Isaac Little, Brendan Coumbs, community coach Kyra Cockwell, Logan Heaven and Jacob Dobson. Little was the top Hawks runner, finishing second and teammate Heaven finished 10th. The Lakefield coach commended the Hawks for "their character and sportsmanship as they cheered on every last runner through the final lap of the race." The coaching staff includes Karen Gervais and Catherine Andress, who supports the team as staff advisor. Gervais said the team is preparing for the Kawartha Championship on Oct. 16 and the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics Championships on Oct. 23, which are both at the Ganaraska Forest. The senior boys include Little, Heaven, Coumbs, Dobson, Jonas Moghini, and Ryerson Chamney. The team includes junior boys Nick Phippen, Corin Gervais and Bronson McCord.

Left, Logan Heaven competes in the invitational on Oct. 9. He finished 10th in the race.

/Submitted by Karen Gervais.

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**Blacklegged Ticks and Lyme Disease**  
When: Tuesday, Oct. 15 7 p.m.  
Where: Minden Cultural Centre 174 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden  
Join Frances Tsotsos from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and learn what you can do to reduce the risk of bites from these insect carriers. Presented by the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists. Haliburton Highlands

**Genealogy Group**  
When: Wed. Oct. 16. Doors open 6 p.m., presentation at 7 p.m.  
Where: Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden  
What: Documentary film "Treaty" Interpreted by the People of Curve Lake First Nation. In Ontario, we are all treaty peoples ... this documentary reminds us all about what that means.  
Cost: No charge, everyone welcome  
For more info contact Gail: 705-286-2225

**CFUW Speaker: Terry Moore**  
When: Thursday, Oct. 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton School of Art + Design  
Topic: Environmental Stewardship After Death - Green Burial in the Highlands.  
Open to the public. After, there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to mingle. CFUW meeting to follow.  
Cost: Donation of kitchen/bathroom items for women's shelter or cash donation to CFUW Haliburton Highlands Scholarship Fund

**Housing Summit**  
When: Friday, Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Where: West Guilford Community Centre (accessible entrance at rear)  
Light lunch provided. Review of research, panel presentation, group discussion on action items. Register by Oct. 8 at  
Eventbrite.com - Haliburton County Housing Summit  
More information: Carol Browne 705-457-4551

**Abbey Gardens Fall Festival**  
When: Saturday, Oct. 19, 12 to 4 p.m.  
Where: Abbey Gardens  
Activities include outdoor games, pumpkin patch, children's storywalk, sunflower maze, pony rides. Haliburton farmers' market will be on site as will live music, wood-fired pizza and Haliburton Highlands Brewing. Admission: \$5 per person, \$15 per family.

**Concert: Music to my Ears - The Tamarack String Quartet**  
When: Date: Saturday, Oct. 19, 3:30 p.m.  
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden  
Tickets: \$20, available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton, St. Paul's Thrift Shop in Minden, or reserve tickets by calling 705-448-1991  
Newly formed group "The Tamarack String Quartet" will play some classical and slightly less classical selections. It includes works by Schubert, Mozart, Mancini, Lennon/McCartney and more.

**Fall Festival Finale**  
When: Sunday, Oct. 20, starting at 4 p.m.  
Where: 1487 Cranberry Lake Road (Abbey North)  
Concert with Ian Tamblyn (4-6 p.m.) followed by dinner of turkey pie, seasonal salads, cheese board and desserts. Proceeds help fund programming at Abbey Gardens.  
Suggested donation: \$50 per person  
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**Perfect attendance**  
Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students from left, Vikram Marathe, Brian Kim, Kristina Barry, Harmony Moher and Camden Marra were recognized for their perfect attendance at the Honours and Awards Assembly on Friday, Oct. 11 at the school's gymnasium.

# Fall Festival adds concert and dinner event featuring Ian Tamblyn

DARREN LUM  
Staff Reporter

This year's Fall Festival at Abbey Gardens scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19 has added an extra day with a fund-raising dinner and concert called the Fall Festival Finale. It features Canadian folk music singer-songwriter Ian Tamblyn, who will perform starting at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20 at Abbey North. A dinner will follow his performance. Tamblyn is a folk music legend with a career spanning close to five decades. He has released 44 albums.

Abbey Gardens operations director Heather Reid credited Janis Parker of Parker Pad and Printing with sponsoring the fundraiser event, which meant Tamblyn could perform.

There is a suggested donation of \$50 per person. RSVP to [heather@abbeygardens.ca](mailto:heather@abbeygardens.ca).

For seven years, the Fall Festival has highlighted the autumn season. Held from 12 to 4 p.m., the event will include outdoor games, children's story walk, access to the sunflower maze, live entertainment and fun photo opportunities, pony and wagon rides and pumpkin painting.

There will also be local food offered by vendors who are a part of the farmers' market and lunches at the Food Hub, including wood-fired pizza at the Haliburton Highlands Brewing location. Admission is \$5 per person and \$15 per family, which is up to the discretion of event goers. Admission helps cover expenses.

This event is great for the area, as it is held during the Highlands' shoulder season.

"We have debated many times about when to do the Fall Festival. We have decided to do it after Thanksgiving as a bit of a season extender not just for us, but also for the farmers' markets," said Reid. "It gives them one

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*We have decided to do [the Fall Festival] after Thanksgiving as a bit of a season extender ...*  
— Heather Reid

more week to reach out to their customers and it also, I think, is a time when local entrepreneurs and families are a little less busy so that's another reason why we push it past that milestone that's Thanksgiving."

The public is encouraged to help with the event.


"Volunteers support the festival just by helping in all different areas on the property, whether it be at the entrance or parking," she said.

Reid invites anyone interested in volunteering for the event to contact her. Email her at [heather@abbeygardens.ca](mailto:heather@abbeygardens.ca).


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As per Policy No. 24 – Public Notice Policy, notice is hereby being provided that Council at their meeting being held on October 22, 2019 will be amending the Procedural By-law to do minor housekeeping changes and to amend Section 5.9 – Budget Meeting times to be the second Friday of December, January and February as needed; instead of January, February and March.

Cheryl Coulson, Clerk



# hhss honours and awards



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students who achieved the highest marks, earned achievements or demonstrated promise and exemplified character and leadership in various courses and areas of interest, were recognized at the Honours and Awards ceremony on Friday, Oct. 11 in the school's gymnasium. They are listed in alphabetical order (provided by HHSS): Brady Baldry, Emma Boutin, Haley Boylan, Storm Brannigan, Melissa Brinkos, Erin Chumbley, Jocelyn Chumbley, Jayme Coltman, Molly Devolin, Benjamin Domerchie, Monique Dulong, Josie Graham, Kendra Graham, Trista Greer, Ezra Hill, Abigail Kauffeldt, Megan Klose, Gerrit Kooistra, Jessica Lee, Isaac Little, Sydney Little, Benn MacNaull, Darian Maddock, Kyle Maes, Olivia Melle, Daniella Meraw, Jasmine Moghini, Jonas Moghini, Alyssa Morissette, Zach Morissette, Erik Morrison, Ruthie Parker, Charlotte Paton, Bianca Salaris, Stefan Salaris, Ava Smith, Gerry Sutcliffe, Emma Thompson, Mackenzie Tidey, Nikita Watson, Jackson Wilson and Destiny Wilson Wells. /Photos by Darren Lum



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11 honour students were recognized for having successfully completed seven courses with an average of 80 per cent or more. The students are listed in alphabetical order (provided by HHSS): James Alexander, Rebecca Archibald, Brady Baldry, Paige Billings, Storm Brannigan, Melissa Brinkos, Hailey Brisco, Jessica Byers, George Devolin, Benjamin Domerchie, Monique Dulong, Ethan Gohm, Nicholas Graham, Trista Greer, Lena Haase, Abigail Kauffeldt, Grace Kim, Isaac Little, Benn MacNaull, Jonas Moghini, Erik Morrison, Ruthie Parker, Charlotte Paton, Brayden Rodgers, Samuel Rowden, Bianca Salaris, Siddhi Shah, Jurgen Shantz, Nigel Smith, Ania Smolen, Bennet Stephenson, Mackenzie Tidey, Cody Wessell, Codie Wilkinson, Destiny Wilson-Wells, and Jacob Wood.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 10 honour students were recognized for having successfully completed eight courses with an average of 80 per cent or more. The students are listed in alphabetical order (provided by HHSS): Hailey Alden, Katie Allison, Lily Austin-Ward, Tyson Baumhour, Emma Boutin, Haley Boylan, Lexie Bridgman, Ryerson Chamney, Erin Chumbley, Jayme Coltman, Brendan Coumbs, Anabelle Craig, Colin Crowe, Talon Dakin, Desi Davies, Emily Davis, Jacob Dobson, Xavier Dulong, Holden Dupret Smith, Zachary Finnie, Chelsea Flynn, Josie Graham, Carley Gullins, Justin Hagopian, Logan Heaven, Samuel Hoenow, Joshua Hogg, Natalie Hunter, Brian Kim, Megan Klose, April Kovacs, Skye Lambshead, Jessica Lee, Alex Little, Sydney Little, Danaya MacDuff, Kyle Maes, Vikram Marathe, Camden Marra, Ryan Mee, Daniella Meraw, Alexius Mills, Emma Mitchell, Jasmine Moghini, Jordyn Nicholls, Connie Oh, Holly Parish, Carson Phillips, Makenna Robbins, Kayleigh Rodgers, Stefan Salaris, Dakota Sawyer, Jordy Schell, Brooklyn Spence, Bence Suranyi, Alan Wheeler, and Owen Wootton.



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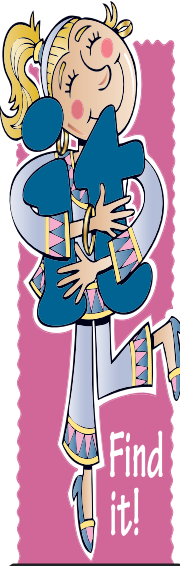
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**Douglas Richard Stephen**  
(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)

Doug died quietly at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday evening, October 1, 2019 at age 78, with his children by his side. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Gillian Stephen (nee Medland); his daughters Jennifer (Kevin Clowes), Sarah (Matthew Milligan), and son Colin (Keri Sullivan) and his sister Irene Okura. Doug was proud Papa Choo Choo to his six grandsons Graham, Ryan, Aaron, Luke, Finley and Oliver. He was known for his love of cars and driving for Community Care, for his enthusiasm for model trains and his enjoyment of curling at the Wilberforce Curling Club. Moving to Haliburton in 1997 brought him many friends and a sense of Community that he valued highly.

Celebration Of Life & Reception

A Celebration of Doug's Life will be held at a later date. Interment South Wilberforce Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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## Wetland to turn into housing

*Dysart  
approves eight  
new lots on  
'provincially  
significant'  
wetland*

**SHERYL LOUCKS**  
Staff Reporter

Dysart's only designated provincially significant wetland will now have eight new lots on its shores.

Elephant and Benoir Lakes, including the York River were once deemed to be at capacity unless a developer undertook an environmental study to prove otherwise. The owners of a large tract of land along the York River near Elephant Lake, operating under Lands of 865026 Ontario Limited, have done just that. The owners hired consultant Michael Michalski, of Michalski Nielsen Associates, to do a heritage evaluation to prove they could subdivide their land into eight lots for development without significantly negatively affecting the surrounding wetland.

At a recent council meeting Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis asked Pat Martin, Dysart's planner, where the new lots will be in relation to the wetland and she replied "in it." She said the wetland is not the on-land sort but consists mainly of mats of floating weeds and vegetation in the water. The area however

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DARREN LUM/Echo

### Giving thanks

Sir Sam's Ski Area held its annual open house for hundreds of people on Saturday, Oct. 12. People were treated to beverages and use of the chair lift for viewing the autumn colours. A draw was held for a snowboard and lift passes were available for purchase at reduced rates.

## The race for reeve in Dysart

*Consensus on managed forest  
a priority: Murray Fearrey*

**SHERYL LOUCKS**  
Staff Reporter

The managed forest taxation quandary is one of the most pressing issues that the next Dysart et al council has to deal with, says Murray Fearrey who wants to be the reeve to resolve the problem.

"It's a critical issue. There's been misunderstanding and misuse of information, I believe. It's clear from day one that Dysart and I are in support of MFTIP (Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program). My position has not changed. I still support the way it was originally implemented," says Fearrey.

He added that he was part of discussions with then Minister of Natural Resources Chris Hodgson when the Tory government re-issued the program. The program gives property tax breaks to landowners who agree to a managed forest plan. He said it does

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*Ready to make a contribution  
to community: Jerry Walker*

**SHERYL LOUCKS**  
Staff Reporter

Jerry Walker's been waiting for a day to ride his Harley to council but since he first started as a municipal councillor for Dysart et al in 1990 the opportunity hasn't come - yet.

Walker currently sits on council as Ward 2 councillor but is running to be reeve against political veteran Murray Fearrey. Walker says that Fearrey has done an admirable job but thinks he can make an equally good contribution during the next term. He says he received a number of calls after announcing he was not going to run as a councillor and it was ratepayers who convinced him to run for reeve.

He has been involved with community organizations such as Rotary, Kinsmen and Boy Scouts. He is currently the Dysart repre-

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### METICULOUSLY CARED FOR



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3 BR, 2 bath Lake house! 114ft of frontage, granite counter tops and stainless steel appliances. Single oversized detached garage SW exposure.

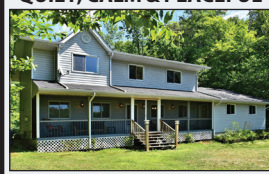
### FULLY FURNISHED COTTAGE



**KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE**  
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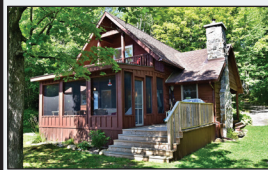
### BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE LOT



**HALIBURTON LAKE**  
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3 BR, 2 Bath year-round home/cottage. Private 176ft of frontage. Sandy beach. Open concept living. Pine cathedral ceilings. Fully finished lower level. Single garage, 2 storage sheds.

### CHARMING DECOR



**MINNICOCK LAKE**  
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### PRIVATE BAY



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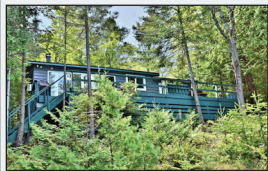
### STUNNING LAKEFRONT VIEWS



**SOUTH PORTAGE LAKE**  
**\$489,000**

3BR, 1 bath year-round cottage. Large kitchen and dining, oak cabinetry, cedar cathedral ceilings, sunken living room and four season porch. Western views and level lot.

### FULLY FURNISHED



**KOSH LONG LAKE**  
**\$459,900**

2BR, 1 bath cottage. Pine flooring throughout, wrap around deck, 112ft of frontage, 190sq ft Bunkie with tool shed. Lakefront stone patio, move in ready!

### YEAR ROUND ACCESS



**LONG LAKE**  
**\$289,000**

2BR, 1 Bath. Eat-in kitchen, Walk-out lower level. Detached single garage. Fenced in area with decking and garden shed. Municipal access over road allowance.

### SOUTH WESTERN EXPOSURE



**SALERNO LAKE**  
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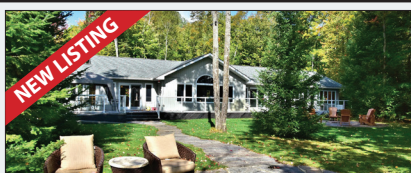
2 BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage sits on waters edge and awaits your finishing touch. 115ft of frontage on Salerno Lake, known for its excellent fishing.

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### *Spruce Lake*

5 BR, 4 Bath. 225ft of frontage. Southern exposure. Gorgeous landscaping and gazebo. Bunkie. Detached double garage. Backup generator.  
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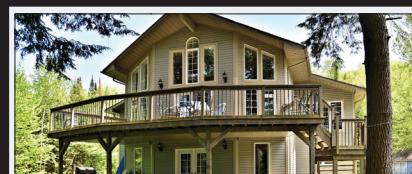
### *Otter Lake*

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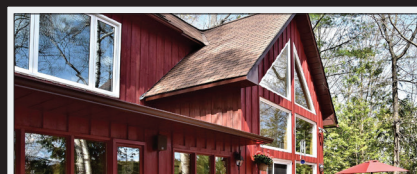
### *Colbourne Lake*

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